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Kansas January Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent from Previous Year

All cattle and calves on Kansas farms and ranches on January 1, 2006 totaled 6.65 million head, up 1 percent from the January 1, 2005 level. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 1.67 million, were up 2 percent from a year earlier. **Beef cow** inventory was estimated at 1.56 million, 2 percent above a year ago. **Milk cows**, at 110,000 head, were unchanged from January 1, 2005. **Bulls over 500 pounds** totaled 95,000 head, no change from last year. **Beef replacement heifers**, at 255,000 head, were up 4 percent from the previous year. **Milk replacement heifers**, at 55,000 head, were up 22 percent from last year. **Other heifers over 500 pounds**, at 1.67 million head, decreased 2 percent from last year's 1.7 million head. **Steers over 500 pounds**, at 2.18 million head, were up 2 percent from the previous year's number. As of January 1, 2006 there were 2.55 million head on feed for the slaughter market, 4 percent more than the previous January. **Calves under 500 pounds** totaled 725,000 head, 1 percent below the January 1, 2005 figure of 735,000 head. The 2005 **calf crop**, at 1.5 million head, was up 1 percent from last year.

U.S. Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005. **Beef cows**, at 33.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005. **Milk cows**, at 9.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Other class estimates on January 1, 2006, and the changes from January 1, 2005 are as follows: **All heifers 500 pounds and over**, 20.0 million, up 2 percent; **Beef replacement heifers**, 5.90 million, up 4 percent; **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.28 million, up 4 percent; **Other heifers**, 9.80 million, up slightly; **Steers weighing 500 pounds and over**, 16.9 million, up 3 percent; **Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over**, 2.26 million, up 2 percent; **Calves under 500 pounds**, 15.6 million, up 2 percent; and **All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots**, 14.1 million, up 3 percent. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots, was 28.2 million, up 2 percent. The 2005 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.8 million head, up 1 percent from 2004. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, up slightly from 2004.

Cattle inventory value and value per head will be published in the Agricultural Prices report on February 28, 2006.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, January 1, 2004-2006				
Class	2004	2005	2006	% of Prev. Yr.
	1,000 Head			Percent
KANSAS				
Cattle and Calves	6,650	6,600	6,650	101
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	1,660	1,640	1,670	102
Beef Cows	1,550	1,530	1,560	102
Milk Cows	110	110	110	100
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	1,960	1,990	1,980	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	230	245	255	104
Expected to Calve <u>1/</u>	150	145	145	100
For Milk Cow Replacement	80	45	55	122
Expected to Calve <u>1/</u>	50	30	35	117
Other Heifers	1,650	1,700	1,670	98
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	2,180	2,140	2,180	102
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	95	95	95	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	755	735	725	99
Calf Crop <u>2/</u>	1,550	1,480	1,500	101
Cattle on Feed	2,480	2,460	2,550	104
UNITED STATES				
Cattle and Calves	94,888	95,438	97,102	102
Cows & Heifers That Have Calved	41,851	41,920	42,311	101
Beef Cows	32,861	32,915	33,253	101
Milk Cows	8,990	9,005	9,058	101
Heifers 500 Pounds & Over	19,345	19,573	19,978	102
For Beef Cow Replacement	5,518	5,691	5,905	104
Expected to Calve <u>1/</u>	3,493	3,496	3,574	102
For Milk Cow Replacement	4,020	4,118	4,278	104
Expected to Calve <u>1/</u>	2,761	2,815	2,890	103
Other Heifers	9,806	9,763	9,795	100
Steers 500 Pounds & Over	16,277	16,476	16,923	103
Bulls 500 Pounds & Over	2,206	2,219	2,263	102
Calves Under 500 Pounds	15,210	15,250	15,626	102
Calf Crop <u>2/</u>	37,903	37,505	37,780	101
Cattle on Feed	13,813	13,745	14,132	103

1/ Replacement heifers expected to calve during the year. 2/ Calf crop is for the previous year.